

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 266 without my signature.

I recognize the critical importance of trauma care in California. I provided \$10 million in the 2005-06 Budget to address priority concerns such as securing on-call physicians and promoting hospital surge capacity for times of emergency. Additionally, I directed the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) to ensure these funds target priority needs and do not supplant existing funding.

I don't want to wait until 2007 to have a report that can better inform California's policy on trauma care. I am directing EMSA, informed by its Trauma Advisory Committee, to complete its statewide trauma care plan and provide me recommendations by no later than June 1, 2006.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger